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LISTING OF CLAIMS:

- 1 1. (Original) A method for continuous production of Hepatitis A virus,
2 comprising the steps of providing a serum free cell culture of VERO cells bound to a
3 microcarrier, the method comprising infecting said serum free cell culture of VERO cells with
4 HAV, incubating said serum free cell culture of VERO cells infected with HAV to propagate
5 said HAV, whereby HAV is continuously released into the cell culture medium; and harvesting
6 said HAV released into the cell culture medium.
- 1 2. (Original) The method according to claim 1, wherein said cells are grown
2 at a temperature of about 37°C.
- 1 3. (Original) The method according to claim 1, wherein said temperature is
2 reduced to about 34°C prior to infection.
- 1 4. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the microcarrier is selected
2 from the group of spherical or porous microcarriers.
- 1 5. (Original) The method according to claim 4, wherein the microcarriers
2 comprise dextran, gelatine, collagen, plastic, or cellulose.
- 1 6. (Original) The method according to claim 1, wherein the cells are infected
2 with a seed virus of HAV strain HM175/7.
- 1 7. (Original) The method according to claim 1, wherein the cells are infected
2 with HAV at a multiplicity of infection between about 0.01 and about 5.0.
- 1 8. (Original) The method according to claim 1, wherein the cell culture is
2 subcultured from a working cell bank and passaged by use of a microbial protease or a trypsin-
3 like enzyme of a microbial origin.
- 1 9. (Original) The method according to claim 8, wherein said microbial
2 protease is the trypsin-like enzyme of *Streptomyces griseus* Pronase.

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1 10. (Original) The method according to claim 1, wherein HAV is
2 continuously produced for at least 60 days.

1 11. (Original) The method according to claim 1, wherein said serum free cell
2 culture of VERO cells is a serum and protein free cell culture of VERO cells.

1 12. (Original) A method of isolating complete Hepatitis A virus particles, the
2 method of comprising the steps of providing a serum free cell culture of VERO cells bound to a
3 microcarrier, infecting said cell culture with HAV, incubating said cell culture infected with
4 HAV to propagate said HAV, whereby HAV is continuously released into the cell culture
5 medium; harvesting said HAV released into the cell culture medium; and isolating complete
6 HAV particles from said HAV harvest of the cell culture supernatant.

Al 1 13. (Original) The method according to claim 12, wherein said cells are
2 grown at a temperature of about 37°C prior to infection.

1 14. (Original) The method according to claim 12, wherein the cell culture
2 temperature is reduced to about 34°C after infection.

1 15. (Original) The method of claim 12, wherein the microcarrier is selected
2 from the group of smooth microcarriers or porous microcarriers.

1 16. (Original) The method according to claim 15, wherein the microcarriers
2 comprise dextran, collagen, plastic, polyethylene or cellulose.

1 17. (Original) The method according to claim 12, wherein the cells are
2 infected with a seed virus of HAV strain HM175/7.

1 18. (Original) The method according to claim 12, wherein the cell culture is
2 subcultured from a working cell bank and passaged by use of a microbial protease or a trypsin-
3 like enzyme of a microbial protease.

1 19. (Original) The method according to claim 18, wherein said microbial protease is the
2 purified trypsin-like enzyme of *Streptomyces griseus* pronase.

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1 20. (Original) The method according to claim 12, wherein HAV is
2 continuously produced for at least 60 days.

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1 21. (Original) The method according to claim 12, wherein the complete HAV
particles are isolated by isopycnic centrifugation.

1 22-23. (Cancelled).